bonds. The Corporation is presently in the market for raising funds through issue of bonds to partially meet the project expenditure in the year 1988-89.

(d) The loan of Yen 30 billion would be utilized for financing the uncovered foreign exchange requirements of some of the projects of the NTPC.

(e) The following loans were finalized with the World Bank in the last three years in regard to projects of the NTPC:—

Year	Amount (US$ Million)	Project
1985	250	Rihand Transmission Lines.
1986.	485	Three gas-based projects at Anta (Rajasthan), Auraiya (UP) and Kawas (Gujarat)
1987.	800	Talcher Super Thermal Power Project (Orissa)-US $375 million National Capital Thermal Power Station (Dadri-UP) US $ 425 million.

The loans are being utilised to finance a part of the cost of the respective projects.

Activities of Mafia Gangs in Coal Mines Area

2009. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late Mafia gangs have increased their activities in the Coal mines areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to these activities theft of coal, cornering of contracts and extortion of money at various levels have increased; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government have taken or propose to take to counter these activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The activities of anti-social elements commonly referred to as Mafia, do affect the operations of the coal mines; but there is no reason to believe that, of late, their activities have increased in the coal mines areas. There is also no evidence to show that theft of coal, cornering of contract and extortion of money has increased at various levels due to Mafia activities.

(c) The following steps have been taken to counter Mafia influence in the coalfields:—

(i) Preventive arrests of mafia leaders.

(ii) Establishment of new police stations and outposts in Dhanbad areas.

(iii) Improvement in wireless communications.

(iv) Improvement in roads.

(v) Departmentalisation of transportation of coal.

(vi) Setting up of licensed coal depots.

(vii) Centralised coal dumps replacing large number of irregular coal depots.

(viii) Periodic transfer of C.I.S.F. personnel to prevent development of vested interest.

(ix) Transfer of company's employees in sensitive positions.

(x) To promote the cooperative societies of ex-servicemen for transportation work; and

(xi) To open credit societies and cooperative consumer stores to curb the activities of money-lenders.

Energy Saving Devices

2010. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new energy saving devices proposed by the Chairman of Advisory Board on Energy; and

(b) what is the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) According to the Advisory Board on Energy, no specific recommendation has been made regarding energy saving devices.

Bringing of Price Decontrolled Medicines to the Price Control List

2011. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry announced in the Measures announced in December, 1986 that if the manufacturers of medicines will increase the prices of price-decontrolled medicines without any justification, the Ministry will bring those medicines under price control;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain companies have increased the prices of price decontrolled medicines from 100 per cent to 300 per cent without any justification.

(c) if so, what are the names of such medicines which have come to the notice of his Ministry; and

(d) the names of the medicines whih have been brought back under price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) In the measures announced by the Government in December, 1986, it was stated that Government would have the right to bring within the ambit of control any drug in the decontrolled category at any point of time, should it be considered necessary to do so. Necessary provision to this effect has already been made in the DPCO, 1987.

(b) and (c) The required details, to the extent available, have been given in reply to Unstarred Question 635 answered on 29th February 1987.

(d) It was not considered necessary to bring any of the medicine back under price control.

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam for Hyderabad

2012. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute a Mahanagar Telephone Nigam for Hyderabad;

(b) whether Government would consider the feasibility of such a Nigam in view of increasing importance of telephone facility in Hyderabad and Secunderabad; and

(c) whether any beginning has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir, not at present.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.